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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 21, 2003, rejecting claims 1-17, 19, and 20. The cited references are Shah, *et al.*, “Infoharness: Managing Distributed, Heterogeneous Information” *IEEE Internet Computing*, Nov/Dec 1999 (hereinafter, “Shah”), and U.S. Patent No. 5,983,267 to Shkclar, *et al.* (hereinafter, “Shkclar”). The following remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. This listing is provided for the convenience of the Examiner, since the claims have not been amended with this response.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.